STATEMENT

Name and Address of Manpower Export undertakings of State/Union Territory registeied with Ministry of Labour

PUNJAB

(ii) Punjab Small Industries & Export 1377, Sector 33-C, Chandigarh.

(ii) Punjab Small Industries & Export Corporation Limited, Post Box No. 11, Batra Building, Sector 17-D, Chatidigarh.

(iii) The Centre for Training & Employment of Punjab Youth, S.C.O. No. 126-127, II Floor, Sector 34 A, Chandigarh,

MADRAS :

(i) *M\s.* Overseas Manpower Corpora-lion Limited, M-12, Ist Floor, Nungambakkam, Madras.

TAMIL NADU :

(i) Ms. Overseas Development and Employment Promotion Coiisul-tants Ltd., Vellayamba, Sasthamengalam Road, TC9/908, Trivandrum.

UTTAR PRADESH :

(i) U.P. Alp Sankhayak Vittiya Avam Vikas Nigam Ltd., A-10, Vidhan Sabha Marg, Lucknow.

ANDHRA PRADESH :

(i) Ms. Andhra Pradesh State Non-Kesident Indian Investment Corporation Limited, 5th Floor, Parisram Bhavan, Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad.

DELHI :

(i) Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation, N-36, Bombay Lift Building, Connaught Place, New Delhi.

बाल श्रमिकों संबंधी आंकड़े

2411. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :-** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने 1991 में की गई जनगणना के आधार पर बाल श्रमिकों के संबंध में आंकड़े तैयार नहीं किये हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है ,

(ग) यदि नहीं तो 1991 की जनगणना के आधार पर बाल श्रमिकों की संख्या कितनी है ,

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि बाल श्रमिकों की शिक्षा के स्तर के बारे में भी आंकड़े सरकार के पास उपलब्ध नहीं है, और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पवन सिंह घटोवार) :- (क) से (ङ) 1991 की जनगणना के आंकड़े एकत्रित कर लिये गये है। चूंकि 1991 की जनगणना के आर्थिक गतिविधियों के आंकड़ों का आयु सहित अन्य लक्षणों के साथ तुलनात्मक वर्गीकरण अभी किया जाना है अत: 1991 की जनगणना के बाल श्रम से संबंधित आंकड़े अभी सरकार के पास उपलब्ध नहीं हैं

Diversion from PF

2412. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what are the criteria followed by ali Trusts and Co-operative consumer bodies of Provident Fund when diversion of part-wages of employees from Provident Fund to Family Pension Fund is not permitted under the existing Income-tax Act, 1961 and in fact all the exempted establishments with nearby 50 lakhs members are diverting the Provident Fund contributions to Family Pension illegally ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Philips Employees Union, Bombay and Super Bazar Cooperative Society, New Delhi have made any rep-

presentations in this regards to the Government so far :

(d) whether it is a fact Union Government is not at all serious about the illegal deduction that is going on and Family Pension Fund Scheme was introduced hurriedly without much more planning and consultation : and

(e) if so, the details thereof; and *it* reply is negative the reasons thereof ?

TOH DEPUTY MINISTER iN THF MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHA TOWAR) : (a) to (c) The establishment-covered under the EPF and MP Acr are required to remit to the Family Pension Fund a part of the contribution icprisent-ing *1-1/6%* of the wage from and out of the contribution payable by the employec and the employees in each month under section 6 of the Act. Under sction, *9* of the EPF and MP Act the Employees Provident Fund is deemed to be a recognised provident fund for the purpose of the Income Tax Act. Therefore the ques tion of illegal diversion of the provident fund contribution to the family pension does not arise. No specific represeniation regarding illegal diversion of the provident; fund contribution to the Family Pension Fund has been received by the Government However certain employees unions had filed writ petitions challenging the provisions of the Family Pension Scheme in the High Court of Bombay. The Court upheld the validity of the Family Pension Scheme and dismissed their petitions. The petitioners have now filed a Special Leave Petition before [he Supreme Court of India The Family Pension Scheme was considered and approved by the Central Board of Trustees, Employees Provident Fund which is a tripartite body consisting of the representatives of the employers, employees and the Government. The Scheme was notified for implementation after its clearance by the Ministries of Law and Finance. As such the Scheme has been introduces after due consideration and consultation.

'POVERTY OF THE AGRICULTURAL WORKERS IN THE COUNTRY

2413. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware o£ he increasing poverty among the agricultural workers in the country ; and

(fa) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHA-TOWAR) : (a) and (b) Government is aware that the incidence of Poverty amoug agriculture labourers is quite high. Consequently, under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), agriculture labourers have been included in the target group of beneficiaries eligible for assistance under the Programme. Assistance is given in the form of subsidy by the Government and term credit by banks for self-employment ventures in the rural areas to enable poor families to cross the poverty line. During 1992-93 7.2 lakh agricultural labourers were assisted under IRDP.

JRY is another programme of the Government which is a wage employment programme. The target group under this programme includes agricultural workers.

SURVEY CONDUCTED BY GOVERNMENT FOR AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS

2414. SHRIRAJUBHAl A. PARMAR :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey of agricultural labourers and their family members in respect of their income ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government are considering to introduce a pension scheme for all those who live below poverty line ;